

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-25, 27-30 and 32-36 and those rejections were maintained in an Advisory Action mailed January 10, 2007.

I. Rejections under 35 USC 103

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-30 and 32-36 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable and obvious over combinations of the following references: Locke et al. (US 6,291,019); Burton (US 5,925,466); Wade et al. (US 5,580,945); Cannady, Jr. et al. (US 4,480,001); Meader, Jr. et al. (US 4,025,683); Uhran et al. (US 4,145,512); Thomaidis et al. (US 5,626,840). Without acquiescing in these rejections, Applicants have amended each of the independent claims of the present application.

Applicants have presented numerous arguments as the patentability of the claims of the present application and all of those arguments are incorporated herein by reference. In the present amendment, Applicants have added language suggesting that the thickness of the coating is from 1 mm to 10 mm. Applicants have discussed this language with Examiner Chen and discussed how the language further distinguishes the references of record and particularly Locke et al. Applicants explained, as they have previously explained in the prosecution of the present application, that the mixture of primary and secondary amines recited in the claims provides for a slower cure rate than the "instantaneous" cure of Locke et al. Moreover, Applicants explained that such cure rate allows for build up of a thicker coating and that this thicker coating is particularly suitable for a bedliner of an automotive vehicle. The thickness limitation that has been added to the claims was added based upon a suggestion from Examiner Chen. With this addition the claims further distinguish the prior art. In particular and as a review, the claims now differ from at least Locke et al. in that they 1) recite a specific combination of primary and secondary amines 2) they recite a specific type of amine; 3) they recite application to a bedliner; and 4) they recite a specific thickness range particularly suitable

for a coating of a bedliner and also recite properties of the coating where such thickness and such properties are at least partially enabled by the combination of amines and the specific recited amine.

These distinctions have been argued throughout the prosecution of the present application. Knowing that the Examiner is new to this case, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner additionally read the previously asserted arguments, which further explain why the subject matter of the present claims is patentable. Applicants respectfully request that the claims of the present application be allowed.

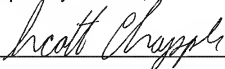
CONCLUSIONS

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, the Examiner's rejections are believed to be rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 292-2920.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1512 for any fee which may be due.

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